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TAGS: PINT VS

SUBJECT: PRG STATEMENT ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE

1. THE PRG DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC HELD ITS REGULAR SATURDAY PRESS BRIEFING TODAY( JUNE 16), THE FIRST SINCE THE " NEW CEASE FIRE" IENT INTO EFFECT AT NOON FRIDAY ( SITIME). BRIEFING OFFICER WAS MAJOR GENERAL HOAN ABN TUAN, CHIEF OF THE PRG DELEGATION.

2. HE TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE PRG AND DRV HAD WON A GREAT VICTORY WITH THE SNNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN PARIS. HE CALLED IT A VICTORY ON THE ARDUOUS PATH TO PEACE. HE SAID THAT THE US AND SAIGON HAVE TRIED TO SHIFT THE BLAME FOR PAST VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT ONTO THE PRG, BUT THEY HAD  
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FAILED. IT IS A FACT, THE US AND SAIGON WHO HAVE COMMITTED THE VIOLATIONS, WHILE THE PRG AND DRV HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY ABIDED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

3. MIJEN TUAN SAID THAT THE PRG HAD FOUGHT FOR 30 YEARS AND HAD NOW RESTORED PEACE IN VIETNAM. "SHOULD WE SABOTAGE THE PEACE WE HAVE FINALLY WON?", HE ASKED. HE SAID THAT SAIGON MUST COME TO REALIZE THERE ARE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, TWO ARMIES AND TWO AREAS OF CONTROL IN SOUTH VIETNAM HE SAID THAT THU WOULD STRIVE FOR A FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT.

4. WHEN ASKED WHEN FIELD COMMANDERS OF BOTH SIDES WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASE FIRE, HE SAID: "WE BROUGHT UP THAT SUBJECT WITH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC YESTERDAY. SAIGON PROMISED TIME TO IMPLEMENT THAT PART OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. I REMINDED THEM OF THE 24 HOUR TIME LIMIT AND TOLD THEM WE HAD ALREADY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR FIELD COMMANDERS TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR MEETINGS IN THE FIELD. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION CHIEF NODDED HIS HEAD, AND I TOOK THAT TO MEAN THAT HE WILL BE MEETINGS LATER. AS TO

HOW MANY MEETINGS AND WHERE THEY WILL

BE, I CAN ONLY SAY THERE WILL BE MANY MANY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM. THE FIELD COMMANDERS ON BOTH SIDES ARE ALL VIETNAMESE AND THEY SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN GETTING TOGETHER FOR DISCUSSIONS."

5. WHEN ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS AFTER TWELVE NOON FRIDAY, MIJEN TUAN SAID HE HAD HEARD THERE HAD BEEN

SOME VIOLATIONS, BUT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER VIOLATIONS WOULD CONTINUE AND WHETHER THE CEASE FIRE WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE AND NOT BE VIOLATED BY THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION.  
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